

[Mrs. Rachel Hood]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER [Ruby E. Wilson?] ADDRESS [R#1 W Front N Platte, Neb.?)

DATE Jan 21 SUBJECT Folklore

1. Name and address of informant Mrs. Rachel (J.R.) Hood 400 Blk. [?] 9 N. Platte, Neb.
2. Date and time of interview Jan. 17
3. Place of interview [Her?] residence
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you

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6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. C15 [Nebraska?]

FORM B Personal History of Informant

NAME OF WORKER Ruby E. Wilson ADDRESS R #1 [?] Front St. N. Platte, Nebr.

DATE Jan. 21 SUBJECT Folklore

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Rachel ([?]. [?].) Hood 400 Blk [?] 9 St. N. Platte, Nebr.

1. Ancestry
2. Place and date of birth - Illinois, wasn't sure about date
3. Family - 6 living children
4. Place and date of birth - All in Nebr.
5. Education, with dates - Almost none
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates - house wife, mother, field hand, washer woman, 2nd hand store clerk.
7. Special skills and interests - Knits scarfs, crochets rag rugs
8. Community and religious activities - Not active now
9. Description of Informant - Large motherly ample bosomed, attractive white hair & twinkling brown eyes
10. Other points gained in interview

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FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

NAME OF WORKER Ruby E. Wilson ADDRESS R #1 W Front N. Platte, [Nebr.]

DATE SUBJECT Folklore

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Rachel (J. E.) Hood, N. Platte, Nebr.

My mother died when I was 4 years old. My brother brought me in a covered wagon to Nebraska to my sisters who lived out here. I was 8 or 10 years old then. I was born in Ill., but had lived at that time in Iowa. We children back in Iowa used to hunt prairie chicken eggs. We'd watch the hawks, we could sometimes tell by the way they'd hang in the air and wheel & circle over a place that there was a prairie chickens nest there in the deep grass. Their eggs were good, they were brown spotted. A hawks eggs are white. We sometimes found them too, but they werent good. We used to eat prairie chickens and jack rabbits and wild ducks & geese.

As I grew up here in Nebr. we used to have good times. We used to dance a lot, quadrilles, shoddish, polka. The dances now aren't anything unless its an old time square dance or something.

We used to have corn bread and gravy a lot of the time to eat and glad for it. Our children grew up healthy. Sometimes we had to use kerosene & grease for colds with a flannel. That was a good remedy. Sometimes for stomach ache we gave a drop or two of whiskey in water or a little peppermint.

It used to be in Frontier County that 2 or 3 families would get together for a Sunday dinner.

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We had a sod church after a while where we used to go, down on Joe [Hintons?] place SW of Stockville about 4 miles.

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Yes I knit & crochet scarfs & rugs to keep busy.